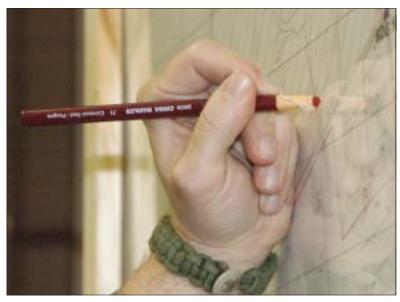


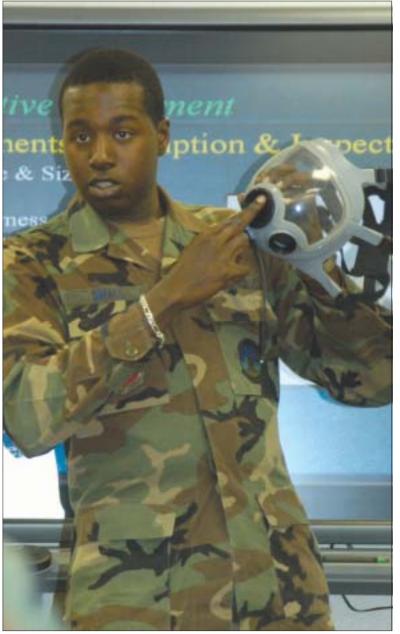
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Wyrick, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight NCO in charge maps a simulated attack area.



Tech. Sqt. Daniel Wyrick, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight NCO in charge shows Senior Airman Theresa Margallo where simulated M-9 paper is placed on the chemical gear overgarment. Simulated M-9 paper is placed on the upper and lower arms and lower legs. A total of six strips are placed for exercise purposes.



Tech. Sgt. Daniel Wyrick, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight NCO in charge uses a charcoal pencil to map simulated attack areas.



Airman 1st Class Paul Small teaches proper gas mask procedures during a 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight chemical warfare training class. Military members must have chemical warfare training annually.

CE readiness helps base prepare for ORI

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In 23 days, Air Combat Command's inspector general will initiate an operational readiness inspection here.

One flight is helping to prepare the base by teaching people how to save their own lives during a nuclear, biological or People need to know how to chemical attack.

The 49th Civil Engineer to inspect it." Squadron readiness flight is reand reporting on NBC agents to save lives and aircraft during an

NCO in charge, said the flight Posture levels.

"During an attack, we have to formation. get an accurate picture of the damage to the base," Sergeant the base and its operations. It all comes down to getting people in ORI. the correct MOPP gear to save

ning MOPP gear, members are be successful." required to wear M-9 chemical

Members can then swipe or NBC attack. dip M-8 chemical detection paper on or into an agent to determine the type of contamination.

In support of Operations Enreadiness technician to prepare forward-deployed areas for possible chemical attacks.

where the threat of NBC attacks base when it comes to surviving was likely, he said knowing how and responding to a chemical to use your equipment will save attack.

your life in an exercise or realworld situation.

"Knowing how to use your gear is vital because you can't predict what situation is going on over there," he said. "Whether it's an improvised explosive device or just a household chemical that can be deadly, if you know how to react to an attack, you will survive. wear their gear and know when

Gas mask inspections are sponsible for detecting, warning required every six months in peacetime and seven days in a wartime and exercise scenario. Members must visually in-Tech. Sgt. Daniel Wyrick, spect their masks, searching for defects, damaged or missis committed to quickly and ac- ing parts and general wear and curately train personnel to iden- tear. Airmen are encouraged to tify Mission-Oriented Protective refer to page 206 in their Airman's Manual for more in-

Sergeant Wyrick said that even with all the training and de-Wyrick said. "We'll determine tection the readiness flight does, how long the attack will affect it takes teamwork from everyone to come out on top during the

"Teamwork is going to be a them and continue to generate huge factor during this ORI," aircraft to complete the mis- he said. "There are many people on different levels Leading up to the ORI, Ser- working together. While we geant Wyrick said the flight is control NBC reconnaissance making sure the base has a good teams to survey contaminated understanding of how to survive areas, it will take all types of a chemical attack. When don- people doing different jobs to

First Lt. Stacy Nimmo, readiagent detection tape that ness flight commander, said her changes color when exposed to troops are ready to help the wing survive an exercise or real-world

"We'll do whatever it takes to support units before and during the ORI," she said. "We have added weekend training to our during and Iraqi Freedom, Ser-schedule to ensure every unit is geant Wyrick deployed as a base prepared. Our people are teachers and are dedicated to the wing."

Sergeant Wyrick said his Being in a deployed area flight was the cornerstone of the



Staff Sgt. Elain Nieves dons her gas mask during chemical warfare training at the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight. According to the Airman's Manual gas mask inspections are required every six months in peacetime and seven days in a wartime and exercise scenario.